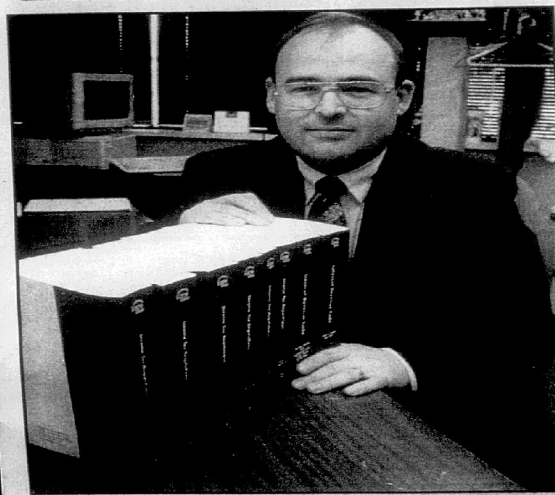


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Richard Knowles, an IRS group manager in Fairview Heights, shows off his copy of the U.S. tax code and regulations.

## Thick-skinned

IRS group manager is just ordinary, average guy

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Richard Knowles is a nice guy. A family man who likes to attend little league and school functions, he is also a devout church-going man who wants his children to grow up knowing right from wrong. After graduating from college, he worked in Springfield and Decatur for a few years, but finally came back home to Mascoutah, where he and his three sisters were raised. But to many people — especially at this time of the year — he is the devil incarnate, and represents everything evil in this world.

*'You go to a party and they're bragging about how they're cheating, then they find out where you work.'*

Richard Knowles  
IRS group manager

Richard Knowles is the tax man. One of four group managers at the Internal Revenue Service's Fairview Heights office, he is responsible for almost a dozen auditors and agents who make sure everybody is paying their fair share. His territory extends through Southwestern and Southern Illinois.

Knowles said most people react with surprise when they find out where he works. "It's usually a surprise," he said. "You're a real person, that surprises people. And then you go to a party and they're bragging about how they're (See TAXES, Page 4A).

## Knowles: IRS earned reputation

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The Internal Revenue Service is not a well-loved part of the U.S. government. That is something that Richard Knowles, an IRS group manager in Fairview Heights, recognizes and hopes will — if not change — at least not be as deserved. "It's a reputation that's well earned," he said. "I'm not proud of that, and that's not the way I think

we need to be. "Some of the stories we've heard, if we've done that we were wrong," he said. "That's just the way it is. He was referring to recent allegations of misconduct by IRS agents in Oklahoma, that eventually ended up as the subject of Congressional hearings. Among the allegations were harassment of taxpayers by IRS agents and "gun-bo" collection agents pressured by superiors to seek foreclosures.

Knowles said many people in government like the idea of an all-powerful IRS. "You keep the masses in line, they will file and they will pay," he said. However, he said that attitude hurts the agency, the government and the taxpayers. "You don't pick on people just because they're poor," Knowles said. "There's no reason for that. There are plenty of people out there to audit

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## City will review liquor ordinance

Walgreen's creeps closer to reality

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

With Casey's General Stores looking to open up shop in Granite City, the council wants to review the current liquor license requirements.

At Tuesday's meetings, the council postponed a decision whether to change the current ordinance, which does not allow the property of a liquor license holder to be within 300 feet of any church property.

One of the proposed Casey's stores would be built too close to St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road. Although it would be across the street, it would technically violate the ordinance.

Also, the current ordinance does not allow an establishment with a liquor license to move close to an existing business that has a liquor license.

Alderman Casmer Skubish, who heads the council's ordinance committee, said the city could allow the store to be built if the ordinance were

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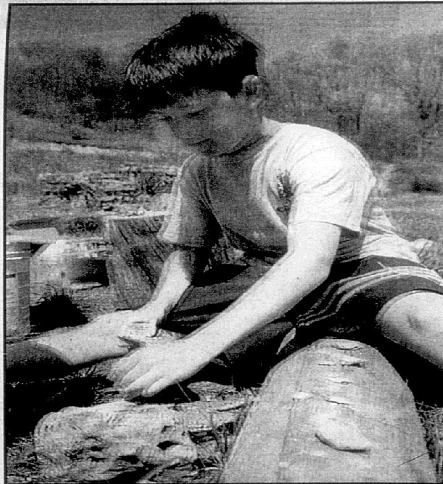
changed to have the distance limit measured between building to building. In related business, the council approved the sale of 1.89 acres to the developer of a proposed Walgreen's at Madison Avenue and 20th Street. The sale price was \$375,000.

The developer, Hurwitz Development, wants to build a 14,000-square-foot store at the corner. The city owns some of the property at that corner, which some years ago held a Clark gas station.

The city doesn't own all of the land at the corner, so the council approved buying some of the corner property at a cost of \$10,000.

If built, the Walgreen's will join a second store that recently relocated from Nameoki Village to Nameoki Road. The council is considering allowing Hurwitz to erect signs for the

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**Old ways** — At left, Kyle Worthen practices flint knapping last week at Kampsville, Ill. Kyle and nine of his Frohardt School fifth-grade classmates spent a week at Kampsville learning about the lives of the Mississippian Indians who once inhabited the area. The week was the culmination of a project with the Center for American Archeology. Above, Emily Smallman pours water over some clay while she and classmate Brandon Takacs force it through a screen to remove bits of stone and plants. The process helps make the clay smooth enough for pottery. For story and more photos, see People, Page 1C.

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## Service remembers killed workers

By Darryl Howlett  
Telegraph staff writer

They came to remember. They came to hold a flaming candle in the air, displaying the light for workers who died on the job. Workers Memorial Day service, sponsored by the Greater Madison County Federation of Labor AFL-CIO, was held Tuesday night at Gordon Moore Park in Alton.

Mayor Donald Sandidge declared April 28 "Workers Memorial Day." Two workers — Darwin Voigt and David Kircher — were specially remembered.

Voigt died last June while working on the new Edwardsville High School. Kircher died last November from burn injuries suffered while working at Laclede Steel in Alton.

"Darwin worked 25 years with Laborers International Union 179 in Edwardsville," said Fred Smith, assistant regional manager with Laborers International. "Today we honor Darwin. Today we rededicate ourselves ... we must dedicate our-

*'There shouldn't be any casualties on the workplace. Workers should return home from work safe and happy, the same as when they go to work.'*

Jonathan Walker  
Local 3643

selves in his memory doing things to protect our brothers and sisters in the work place. Jonathan Walker, financial secretary with the United Steelworkers of America, Local 3643, spoke about Kircher and the too frequent number of workplace accidents.

"To the union, David was a steward," Walker said. "To his family, friends and those who may have met

him for a brief second, he was a candle of hope burning bright.

"There shouldn't be any casualties on the workplace. Workers should return home from work safe and happy, the same as when they go to work," he said.

Jack Whealon, with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, presented a wreath to Mike Isaac's father, Thomas Isaac.

Isaacs died in February from injuries suffered while working on electrical equipment at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

"Mike Isaac was a 20-year member," Whealon said. "He was 44 years old, a young man who was the father of three young children ... a dedicated family man."

"We need to continue to contact our representatives, elected officials — worker safety is critical. OSHA laws need to be strong."

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration "is not what it used to be — 56,000 workers died on the job last year," said Mark Waldemer, an

(See WORKERS, Page 3A)

## Village approves budget

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A \$2.48 million budget and appropriations ordinance was approved by a divided Village Board in Pontoon Beach on Tuesday.

The board split 3-3 on the budget, with Mayor Glen Wilson breaking the tie.

### PONTOON BEACH

Voting in favor of the budget were Trustees Bob Vincent, Bob Abel, and Lou Whitsett. Voting against the budget were Trustees Randy Presswood

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# OPINION

## FARM GUY

### Farms dwindle while fans consume hot dogs

Oh yes, great readers of the Press-Record, it's time for the farm guy (me) to once again harp on the subject of agriculture and what it means to us.

April 22 was officially Earth Day. It has been observed on that date since 1970 with the message "Give Earth a Chance."

The whole purpose of this joyous occasion is focused on reclaiming the purity of the air, water and the organisms therein.

I know I have been preaching for months on how the farmer is the steward of the land.

A cow-calf producer from Wyoming, the recipient of the 1997 Environmental Stewardship Award summed it up pretty well.

He said in an article this past week that it is healthy to recognize the fact that every living thing requires a careful coexistence in order to survive.

Jon Chandler, a songwriter and singer, has put together some songs about the American farmer. The CD, "Keepers of the Flame," includes ballads about the way of life on the farm and the efforts that farmers make to ensure not only his success but the success of generations yet to come.

He writes about the sacrifice the farmers and their families make to ensure the future of our environment.

I guess the point I am trying to make is that we should not have to set aside a special day to pay tribute or celebrate Earth Day. We should get up every morning and when our feet hit the ground, we should take a moment to be thankful.

THE NUMBER OF FARMS has been on the decline. We all know that and I have mentioned it before in this very newspaper.



David Schumacher

This past week the new stats for Missouri came out and the results show the endless slide of farms.

The number of Missouri farms in 1997 was estimated at 102,000 down 2,000 from a year earlier, but the average size continues to grow, up 5 acres from the previous year to 203 acres on average. Fewer farms, larger in size.

Our neighbors to the east in Indiana are holding hearings to try to head off some of the loss of farm land in their state to factories and roads. Officials doubt the state would mandate farmland preservation policies, but expect to look at how voluntary incentives work first.

THE BASEBALL SEASON is here and so is the hot dog season. A trip to the old ball yard isn't the same without a cap and a ballpark frank. The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council says ball fans will eat about 26 million franks this season, that's enough to circle the bases about 36 thousand times. Which is the No. 1 dog-eating stadium in the league?

The council says it Dodger Stadium where they will consume more than 2 million Dodger dogs. Just thought you might want to know.

Keep the e-mail coming. David Schumacher is the farm director for 550 KTRS AM radio in St. Louis. His e-mail address is farmguy@u-no.com.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Appreciates warning

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm writing because I want to applaud Mayor (Ron) Seltz and the City Council on the priority of upgrading the emergency warning system. I for one am very afraid of tornadoes and dangerous storms. Granite's new emergency system is wonderful. It's loud and the message is clear enough to understand.

The storms April 13 could have been disastrous but we were forewarned and in a timely fashion.

Thanks for making Granite a safer place.

CYNTHIA SMITH  
Granite City

### Park ready for tribute

TO THE EDITOR:

For the 229 local veterans who made the supreme sacrifice, who will never make it back home again, for their families, this magnificent Greater Granite City War Memorial is dedicated to them, to express gratitude and remembrance for what they did for our country, for you and me.

I would like to express a thank you to the O.H.M. Remedial Service, and Army Corps of Engineers, that did such a wonderful job on restoring this Memorial Park to its original grandeur. Comments from veterans and the public alike are most appreciative for the fine work done by these two organizations, a job well done and to remember.

It would be most fitting if this coming Memorial Day, people would come to honor our local fallen comrades, and view the great restoration of this park. Many thanks again from most everyone for a job well done by O.H.M. and Army Corps of Engineers.

Most fitting are the words of General (Douglas) MacArthur: Duty, honor, country. That about says it all.

STEVE KONKOVICH  
Chairman G.C. War Memorial

### Teens would benefit

TO THE EDITOR:

How many Illinois residents have or know of someone who has a troubled teen? Probably the entire community can identify with this question. Well, I am

writing to inform my fellow residents of House Bill 0111.

This bill amends the Illinois Insurance Code and is currently sitting in Rules (Committee) waiting to be sent to the Senate. This bill was passed in the House in April 1997, but (may) not become a law if it is voted for in the Senate.

If passed, individual and group policies of accident and health insurance and other health-care plans will be required to provide coverage for serious mental illness. Coverage will be under the same terms and conditions as coverage provided for other illnesses.

The coverage will cover adolescents, and adult family members. However, since there are troubled youth today suffering from ... depression (and other mental disorders) it seemed (beneficial) to initially focus on our youth.

It can be quite expensive to get qualified professional help on an average fixed budget. If this amendment is passed, families can then use their individual health plans. Therefore, I am urging each Illinois citizen to write to their Senators encouraging him or her to vote in favor of HBO111.

REGINA C. MOUTON  
Granite City

### Didn't like comments

TO THE EDITOR:

This is a letter pertaining to the negative comments made by Ted Schott about Bill Clinton, and his positive views on John Ashcroft.

I think that we should look back on John Ashcroft as a leader and what he stood for and then changed his status. When he was governor of Missouri, he was against capital punishment, gambling and for busing.

When he ran for the Senate he changed his mind and the issues that he supposedly stood so firm on. It seems as if Mr. Ashcroft cannot make up his mind on what he is going to stand for, or is this just another example of politics as usual?

The media's scrutiny of the president and the comments made by those that want the president to be impeached are going beyond the boundaries of being innocent until proven guilty. The charges were dropped against Bill Clinton in the Paula Jones case, by a judge who showed a lot of dignity by doing so.

I think that as a taxpayer, I should get a better return on my money. The country has much more pressing issues to worry about instead of who Bill Clinton supposedly had an affair with. I am very tired of a one-sided issue of who is better, who should be impeached and who slept with who now, and such scandals. If you would like to, look back and let's take a look at Ronald and George as well. Personally I think we have heard enough.

MARVIN THEEL  
Collinsville

### Looking for heroes

TO THE EDITOR:

The achievements of women are often overlooked, both in history and current events.

On April 26, 1776, a 16-year-old girl rode 40 miles to warn colonists that the British had set fire to Danbury, Conn. Sybil Ludington had begged her father to let her make the ride. He consented and stayed behind to organize troops, who drove the British all the way to Long Island Sound. Sybil's brave actions are little known except to serious students of the revolution.

Sybil's heroic actions sparked the National Rifle Association Women's Policies Committee to name the Women's Freedom Award in Sybil's honor in 1995.

The first winner was Marion Hammer, born 182 years after Sybil's inspiring action. Hammer has a long history of defending the Second Amendment from attack.

Since 1976, she has lobbied for both the National Rifle Association and the United Sportsmen of Florida. She helped organize the effort, successful in 1987, to pass Florida's right-to-carry law, which has served as model legislation throughout the nation.

In 1993, the National Safety Council presented her with its outstanding Community Service Award for creating the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program. In 1996, Hammer became the first woman elected president of the NRA.

The quest for a 1998 award recipient is under way. The effort to publicly acknowledge the contribution of women for the defense of our civil liberties lags in many other forums.

GARY L. LARSON  
Decatur

## SOUND OFF!

### Bicyclists deserve road space

Now that the time has arrived for children or anyone wanting to ride a bicycle, let's be sure that we wear our loud clothes and that the bicycles are equipped with proper lights so drivers can see them. Above all, let's not forget to teach them the safety rules before they get out on their bikes. It would be good if they wear helmets. Happy biking!

### Put yourself in the cyclist's seat

This is for the guy who wants bikes off the streets. He goes on about how we do not stop for stop signs. I do. I ride a bike every day. I have hand signals. My arms tell you which way I'm going. He ought to see what it's like to have police cars and other cars pull out in front of you and get thrown away because you're riding a bike. If that's the way he feels, he ought to park his car and try riding a bike every day to work.

### Open invitation

This is for the 42-year-old smoker who thinks it's OK for him or her to smoke but not teenagers. That is part of the problem in America. We adults say one thing and do another. That teaches the young incorrectly. I'd like to invite the 42-year-old smoker to my house so he or she could see my husband who is on oxygen 24 hours a day now because he smoked for 35 years.

To call the Journal "Sound Off!" line, dial 277-9522 and leave your message. We won't print personal attacks or unfair criticism of individuals or businesses. Please keep your comments brief and reasonable.

## VOICE BOX

### What is the one household appliance you could not do without?



"My stove, because I like to cook and I love to eat."

Jan Ideker, 61  
Brownsville, Minn.  
Hospital switchboard operator



"The water heater, because I can't stand taking a shower in cold water."

Kurt St. John, 18  
Highland  
Student



"The TV, because I watch it a lot."

Jessie Schuppert, 15  
Glen Carbon  
Student



"TV, because it keeps me updated on current events and I like watching the news."

Samantha Singer, 24  
Belleville  
Nursing student



"The microwave, because it is an easy way to prepare food and I don't like spending a lot of time cooking."

Mike Stark, 31  
Belleville  
Sales associate

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NEWS

# Workers

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attorney with Waldecker, McKeehan & Moran. "That's almost as many as who died in the Vietnam War, yet there are no memorials in Washington, D.C., for the workers who died."

"Since the Reagan and Bush administration, all of its (OSHA) fangs have been pulled. Now it's lightly tapping on the employers and not drawing any blood. Workers must get involved in local, state and federal politics."

Another attorney, Gregory Becker of Becker & Associates, stressed improving the Workers Compensation Act. "The law not only protects the worker but to a larger extent the employer," Becker said. "Death benefits are a tragedy. A widow would get paid for two-thirds of an average weekly salary or \$250,000 over 20 years. If that widow decides to re-marry, the benefits last for only three years."

"There are no provisions for the education of the children, the overtime that the workers may have earned. We need an expansion of the Illinois death benefits."

The memorial service was first observed in 1989.

Becker also told union workers to continue to support candidates, including Democratic gubernatorial candidate Glenn Poshard, to provide stricter safety guidelines in the workplace.

"We need the motivation to do the right thing," Becker said.

# Weather cited as factor in crashes; Venice woman robbed

By Paul Mackie  
Telegraph staff writer

Six vehicles involved in a pair of crashes slowed traffic on Highway 159 in front of Field's Crossing subdivision near Glen Carbon, early Tuesday afternoon.

Although there were no serious injuries, police said a northbound Ford Escort was crunched when a southbound Illinois Department of Transportation truck hit its front end. The driver of the Escort, a 28-year-old Granite City woman, was taken to Anderson Hospital and released later in the day.

Glen Carbon police said rain was a definite factor. Police said the first crash involved the Escort, two IDOT trucks and a mail truck at 12:26 p.m. Backed-up traffic along 159 caused a fender bender

**'The first IDOT truck came up southbound on 159 over a hill. The driver tried to slow down, his brakes locked up and he slid sideways into both lanes.'**

Sgt. James Jones  
Glen Carbon police

between two other vehicles minutes later.

Sgt. James Jones said, "The first IDOT truck came up southbound on 159 over a hill. The driver tried to slow down, his brakes locked up and he

slid sideways into both lanes. The truck's right front end hit dead center on the front of the northbound Escort. The dash area was totaled."

Police said a second IDOT truck came up over the hill, tried to avoid the first IDOT truck, went off the road and hit the back end of a southbound mail truck parked at a mailbox just off the road.

Jones added, "There was nothing (the mail woman) could do but get her hand out of the mailbox and brace herself."

Police said the drivers of the two IDOT trucks reported to have been traveling about 45 miles per hour. The speed limit at the time of the wrecks.

A fender bender involving two elderly women was caused by the long back up of traffic along 159, police said.

The Escort and the first IDOT truck were towed from the scene.

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A Venice woman was hit in the head with a pistol in an armed robbery early Tuesday morning.

An undetermined amount of cash was taken when two men, one armed with a large semi-automatic handgun, allegedly took the money and other items from two women as they sat in a car in front of a house on Baucum.

The injured woman, 47, received a cut near her left eye. She declined medical treatment.

According to police, at about 2:49 a.m. Tuesday, the two women came into the Venice Police Department to report the robbery.

The women told police that they had been sitting in a car in front of the injured woman's home when the suspects approached the car. One of the suspects came up to her window and started hitting it with the handgun.

The women were afraid the suspects would shoot through

the glass, so they opened the door and the men took their purses.

In other police news, Madison police arrested a Belleville woman on multiple charges after a traffic stop late Monday.

Tracey L. Klugg, 26, of the 300 block of Cascade, Belleville, was charged with battery, resisting arrest, driving with no insurance, no seat belt, disobeying a stop sign, having one brake light, driving with a suspended license, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Additional charges of possession of controlled substance are pending lab analysis.

According to police reports, an officer on patrol observed Klugg drive through the intersection of Lexington and Market in a Green 1993 Ford Tempo.

After stopping the vehicle, the officer attempted to arrest Klugg, but she told him she would not come out of the car, and attempted to close the door and drive away.

The officer jumped into the car and attempted to stop her.

## Council

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Walgreen's under the existing sign ordinance, which the council is considering changing.

The council also returned to the plan commission a request by Junior Achievement to rezone its property at 3307 Wabash from R-1 to C-2. The C-2 zoning is intended for light commercial uses in otherwise residential areas.

A spokesman for JA told the

council the organization could not use the property as a residence, and it would be better used for commercial purposes.

Finally, the council considered a request from Fire Chief Keith Talley to allow the fire department to donate the old, retired aerial-ladder fire truck to a preservation group, rather than sell it to a junk yard for disposal.

The fire department will take delivery of a new aerial ladder truck this year.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Granite City

**SAFETY CHECKS:** During the day, the Granite City Police Department will conduct safety checks at various sites throughout the city.

The police will identify persons who are operating a motor vehicle with defective equipment, without a valid driver's license, no seat belts or driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

**GREATHOUSE HONORED:** Walter "Shang" Greathouse, who recently retired as director of the Metro East Sanitary District, was honored with the Commander's Award for

Public Service by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The award is given to recognize service or achievements that contribute significantly to the accomplishment of the St. Louis District's mission. The award cited Greathouse for his dedication, which the Corps said contributed significantly to the health, safety and prosperity of Southwestern Illinois.

### Tri-City area

**ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC:** The staff of Baltimore Animal Hospital in Granite City are conducting the

annual rabies clinic for vaccinations of cats and dogs. Times, dates and locations are:

May 2 — 1 to 3 p.m. at the Humana Shelter on Missouri Avenue in Granite City.

May 9 — 1 to 3 p.m. at Nameoki Township Garage on Highway 162 in Granite City.

May 16 — 1 to 3 p.m. at Madison City Garage on 3rd Street in Madison.

Costs are \$30 for dogs and \$35 for cats.

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# IRS works year-round to examine, collect tax returns

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

While most people really think about the Internal Revenue Service around April 15, work at the agency's Fairview Heights office is a year-round affair.

Four groups — two examination, one collection and one criminal investigation — work out of the Fairview Heights office at 13 Executive Drive. The examination groups handle the actual audits.

Richard Knowles is head of one of those groups.

Knowles said the agency is trying to improve its image — emphasizing training and customer service.

"Every employee in this office helped at one time or another at the front counter," he said.

He also had one agent who spent 2 1/2 months answering questions via computer.

Most of the counter work occurs during the weeks prior to April 15.

The rest of the year is spent doing actual audits or training for agents and tax preparers.

He said most of the cases they audit come through an automatic selection process.

"Certain balances make that return look unusual, and it makes it go to the top of the list," he said. "They then decide to audit a certain number of returns in each category, and take them from the top of the list."

Most of the audits done by Knowles' group — between 95 and 98 percent — are the results of simple mistakes.

For those audits, it usually takes an hour or two and something can be worked out.

"Then you have that 5 percent or less that do it on purpose and hope we never catch them," he said.

Last year, he said his group referred two cases for criminal investigation.

"If we recognize that someone is cheating — it's on purpose and the

whole idea is to try to evade, we don't settle those cases," he said.

"They go through the criminal system."

"Most of the time the major issue is income," he said. "People don't want to report all their income."

Because of better accounting procedures, especially the use of computers, Knowles said that it is becoming harder to do.

"It's amazing how much better job people do at keeping records," he said.

One advantage to the difficulty of the tax system is it forces people to use accountants. Although an added expense, it makes auditing easier and keeps taxpayers more honest.

"Most of your accountants want to make sure their clients report the right tax," he said. "If you have a client you're working with and they go to jail for fraud, theyrown on that. They don't want their firm tied to that."

Although audits go on all year

round, Knowles said that in the months prior to the filing deadline they spend more time training.

"We try to avoid audits during filing time because it takes time from accountants to call back. It's hard on the taxpayers. The IRS wants this year so they can get it done, and they're still trying to run a business."

"When I started in 1978, that was not an excuse. I'm coming, we're going to do the audit. Just make room for me," he said. "We've adjusted."

He also said the agency is trying to get away from individual filers, and looking instead at S-chapter businesses.

"Realistically, a person on earned income credit does not have the money to pay me back," he said. "It's the old how much can you get out of a turnip." Knowles said one of the hardest things to deal with is the collection end of the business.

Although stories about collection agents harassing taxpayers and seizing property have been in the news recently, Knowles said he has rarely seen that.

"In fact, there was a revenue officer in Decatur. He was such a great friend," he said. "You could tell that he was a man of faith, and that he wanted to do the right thing. He would weep over some of the decisions he had to make. It's hard to see that when you are losing a piece of property."

"That's just the reality of our society, and it's just a shame," he said.

For most taxpayers it never gets that far.

In most cases, when a taxpayer is called in for an audit, it last two to three hours.

He also noted that individual filers who have been previously audited twice and had no changes can ask the IRS to skip an audit.

"But they must ask," he said.

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cheating, then they find out where you work," he added.

"There is a lot of oyster swallowing, they're gulping it down really hard."

He said IRS employees have to take a lot of ribbing.

"Some of it's friendly, some of it's not," he said. "You have to be thick-skinned about it. You have to live with it or go somewhere else."

Knowles grew up in Mascoutah, where he lives now with his wife, Pam, and three children.

One problem he occasionally encounters is dealing with people he has known all his life.

especially from his hometown.

"If it's somebody I really know, I write out of it. I wait nothing to do with it," he said.

That is as much for the taxpayer's protection as his own, he says.

"I don't need to know what happens with my neighbors," he said.

However, he said many times his neighbors will "drop by" with tax questions, which he will happily answer or steer them in the right direction.

He said that is all part of being a good neighbor.

Knowles graduated from McKendree College in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in

accounting.

After joining the IRS, he moved to Decatur, where much of the work is auditing farmers. He then moved to Springfield, and eventually came back to the Metro East.

He is one of four group managers in Fairview Heights. The office has two examination groups, a collections group and a criminal investigation group.

"We audit taxpayers," he said. "That would go anywhere from a non-filer to the largest corporation."

His examination group includes eight revenue agents, two aides, and a tax auditor.

"I'm the first line of com-

plaint," he said. "If anybody has a problem with any of our people I'm the first person they call."

"I've done this long enough to know that any time you send anybody out, there's always a risk that someone is going to misunderstand," he said. "What you want to do is be as fair as you can without compromising what our job is to do, and that is to determine that the right tax has been paid."

He said many times it boils down to a personality clash in what can be a tense situation for the taxpayer.

plexity of the tax code.

"Personally, I think the code is out of control," he said. "We're trying to do so many things with our tax codes."

He said that in the 20 years he has worked for the IRS, the code and regulations have more than doubled in size.

Although he said a flat tax sounds more fair, it is not as simple as it sounds.

## •Agents

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that we don't need to pick on the little guy.

"There are times when you have gung-ho managers and gung-ho agents, because they are people, and people make mistakes," he said. "I tell my staff there is nothing we can't fix."

But the idea is that we don't go out and do it (abuse taxpayers), we just don't," he said.

Part of the problem with the agency's reputation is that

they seem to only come knocking when there is some kind of trouble.

"We've had people hide bank accounts because an agent was lucky enough to see a check, or see a 1099 interest (a form used to report certain kinds of income, including interest from bank accounts), and the taxpayer won't give us the records," he said. "We get a summons, go to the bank and get the records — and we might find where they were cheating the government."

"Now, that sounds like a mean thing we've done. We've investigated their private life," he said.

If everybody filed correctly and honestly, he said there would be no need for the IRS.

"But as long as there have been taxes, there has to be a tax collector," he said.

"There is no easy solution as far as I can see," he said. "We are trying to change our image, and not everyone is out to rip off the taxpayer."

Another problem is the com-

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## Rumors flying of transfer for Tigers' Miles

The rumor mill is up and running. One new rumor — actually, a recycled old one — is blowing briskly from Chicago to East St. Louis. In an April 17 copyrighted story appearing in the *Chicago Sun-Times*, sportswriter Taylor Bell wrote that East St. Louis Lincoln athlete Darius Miles, one of the most highly touted sophomore basketball players in the nation — is once more considering transferring to Chicago Whitney Young High School. This time the rumor is serious, insists Bell, and is based on strongly reliable sources.

Purely from a basketball standpoint, the Miles transfer if it is true — is occurring one year too late. Young, which cakewalked past 26 in-state opponents before edging power-packed Galesburg for the IHSA state title in March, loses seven of 12 team members to graduation this May, including a trio of all-stars.

Not returning for the 1998-99 season will be All-American Quentin Richardson as well as Cordell Henry and Dennis Gates. The triumvirate of court magicians led the Dolphins to a 59-2 mark over the last two seasons. Also absent when the new season starts will be retired coach George Stanton, who won at least 20 games in six of the last seven years at the Dolphins' helm.

But, still, the transfer makes sense against the backdrop of the East St. Louis school merger and the amount of hype and visibility that would await Miles in the Windy City.

Miles is a hot item, there is no doubt about that. Lincoln coach Bennie Lewis has often compared Miles to former Tigers All-American LaPhonso Ellis, now a power forward for the Denver Nuggets in the NBA. Lewis has classified Miles as somewhat behind Ellis offensively, but significantly ahead of him defensively at the same point in their high school careers.

Peoria-based talent scout Bill Flanagan told Taylor Bell that "as a sophomore, Miles is in the same category as Proviso East's Steven Hunter, who is a year older. He is a high major college prospect. He is similar to Lincoln's Brian Cook (a 6-10 junior who is committed to Illinois) at the same age, but not as good right now. He is very mobile, a very good jumper and can handle the ball well."

A similar rumor of Miles' transfer to Chicago Young made the rounds during the recently completed basketball season, but died out after a short run with popularity. What has fueled recent rumors beyond the coming school merger in East St. Louis — is the fact Miles has been playing basketball with an AAU team coached by Larry Butler.

Butler, for those who do not know him, is a man who makes things happen. Things you might not think would happen or even should happen. It was Butler who was instrumental in Quentin Richardson's transfer from Chicago Brother Rice to Chicago Whitney Young, where the 6-6 guard/forward was the driving force behind the Dolphins' title run last month.

"It looks like it will happen this time," said one unidentified *Sun-Times* source. "The family was overwhelmed by all the attention in the past, all the free gifts (sneakers, equipment) and trips to tournaments all over the country — and they didn't have to pay for any of it. They haven't come down to reality yet."

Such things can feed a lot of dreams.

But Miles may have even bigger dreams in his head. Some are saying privately that the 6-9 forward/center is talking about skipping college and going directly to the NBA.

No one associated with the rumors — from Miles himself, to Bennie Lewis, to officials at Young High School — has returned my persistent calls. But this time, sources insist, the rumors are true.

Maybe not the NBA. That could be a big-time mistake. At least, it seems so now. Miles is more potential than reality right now, but admittedly, it is an incredible potential. And, who knows, in another couple of years he could be ready for the pros. He could be the best basketball player in the nation by the time he is a senior in high school.

Don't bet against it.

And as far as the transfer from Lincoln to Young is concerned, the principle players simply aren't talking publicly.

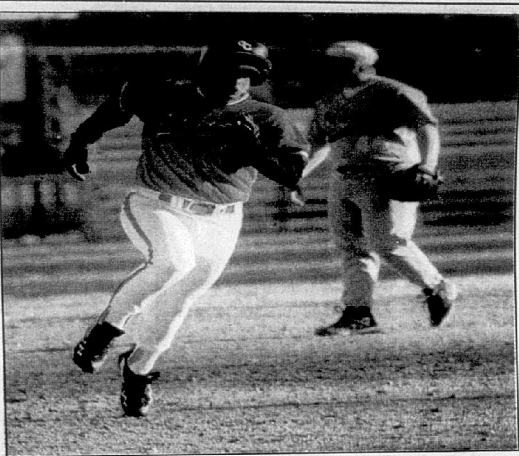
But I offer the same bit of advice: Don't bet against it.



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## Nice start

The Granite City girls soccer team opened the season with a 6-1-1 record heading into the St. Dominic/ Francis Howell North Shootout this week in St. Charles County (Mo.). Erika Todd (11) has been one of the catalysts for the Lady Warriors but also became another one of the team's players to be sidelined by injury recently. Granite's two games in the Shootout — Duchesne on Monday and Francis Howell on Tuesday — were postponed by inclement weather and field conditions.



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## Prep action

The Granite City baseball team brought a 5-9 record into the week and hosts Collinsville on Thursday.

ABOVE: Granite City's Ted Millas runs the bases during a recent game.

AT RIGHT: John Kelly makes a plate appearance for the Warriors. The Warriors are 2-3 in conference action.



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## SIUE names coach for new program

### Bennett to guide women's golf

Special to the Herald

Larry Bennett, an alumnus of and current assistant director of campus recreation for Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, has accepted the position of women's golf coach at the school.

Bennett becomes the first women's head coach; SIUE has just added the program for the 1998-99 school year. Bennett will begin immediately recruiting players for the team's inaugural season.

"A number of golfers contacted the athletic department when it was announced SIUE would field a varsity team beginning next fall," Bennett said. "I'm in contact with many of them, so we're in the recruiting process right now. I'm sure there are a number of others in the area who may be interested in playing collegiate golf, and I urge them to contact me."

Bennett has held various positions at SIUE Campus Recreation since 1988, including coordinator of campus recreation and assistant to the director of campus recreation. Currently, Bennett helps in the administration of SIUE's 200,000-square-foot indoor recreation facility with a staff of more than 80. He also administers SIUE's outdoor recreation area, including the 200-acre Cougar Lake.

Bennett is site director for the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association, a post he holds until 1999, and has also been active as a regional site coordinator for the Prairie State Games, a logistics committee member for the U.S. Olympic Festival '94 and a current commissioner, and finance committee chair-



SIUE graduate Larry Bennett has been named the school's first women's golf coach.

man for the Collinsville Area Recreation District.

"Larry has been a long-time supporter of Cougar athletics," said Jones, "and we are anxious for this new beginning with him at the helm of the women's golf program."

## Team tryouts

The SIUE women's golf program will conduct open tryouts Saturday and Sunday if necessary at Spencer T. Olin Community Golf Course. For information, contact Bennett at 602-3236.

## The two sides of Big Country

### Lutz's smiling countenance covers competitive fire of CHS star

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

Collinsville High junior Kenny Lutz is reaching the age in life when people are beginning to expect him to conduct himself as a young adult. Lutz certainly has all of the physical attributes of an adult. He stands 6-foot-2 and weighs 205 pounds. His physical stature alone makes him appear to be a junior in college rather than a junior in high school.

However, when Lutz picks up a baseball bat or his glove, throw the concept of young adult out the window. The little boy in him comes bearing through the game of baseball has a way of doing that to those who have become infatuated with the game's passion.

Lutz is hooked by the game's passion. How else can it be explained? When he takes the field, deep dimples on his cheeks and a broad grin never seem to leave his face. Around the ball diamond, Lutz takes on a happy-go-lucky air.

While he undergoes that outward transformation near the field, something different happens within Lutz. He becomes a fierce competitor.

"Kenny is just a nice young man," Collinsville coach Steve McFall said. "He has taken care of business. He is a quality athlete. He could be an awfully good player. He is very solid."

Maybe that outward appearance is merely a decoy. Maybe he uses his charm to lure a pitcher to grove a pitch. Whatever, he does love the game of baseball and is arguably one of the best players in the St. Louis area.

At the plate, Lutz just tortures the baseball.

A year ago, he broke onto the varsity scene literally by storm. He hit an unbelievable six with 11 home runs, 12 doubles and 47 RBI.

On the mound, he was 8-2 with a 1.32 ERA. He struck out 73 batters in 60 innings of work while only issuing 20 walks.

He knew this spring was going to be different. He knew he would have to be more patient at the plate as teams tried to pitch around him if they could.

Lutz was nervous to say the least.

"I was real scared. I was afraid to swing. I felt that if I didn't hit the ball, then everybody would get on me," he said. "After a while, I figured either I hit the ball or I don't. I have just got to play. It has just kind of come back to me gradually. It

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comes back to me a little more everyday. Everyday I get a little more comfortable at the plate."

Well, if Lutz is still off his game, it will be a terrifying sight when he is totally comfortable at the plate.

In his last two games, he has combined for three doubles, two home runs and 12 RBI. In 14 games this spring, he is hitting .510 (25-for-49) with 16 runs scored and four home runs. He ranks second in the St. Louis area with 26 RBI.

Hitting the baseball has never really been much of a problem for Lutz, who garnered the nickname "Big Country" for his height and a hustling style of play reminiscent of Enos "Country" Slaughter. However, Lutz's personal favorite nickname is "The Natural," after the sweet swing of Will Clark and the movie starring Robert Redford.

Lutz has been abusing baseballs ever since he can remember. And ever since he can remember, people have wanted him to crush baseballs for their teams.

"Whenever I started playing over in St. Louis when I was little, I had a lot of teams asking me to play for them," Lutz said. "I had a lot of support over there. That is when I got pretty serious about it. I played with (Mike) Jorgensen's kid, Eric, and Stan Musial's grandson was on our team. I just kind of listened to (Jorgensen's) advice. I played with them for three years. I played over there last year — fall ball."

Lutz pitched for the St. Louis team known as the Scorpions but did not play much at first base as his position for the Kakabs when he is not on the mound.

"I did a lot of catching. I have always caught," said Lutz, who placed fourth in the 215-pound weight class at the IHSA Class AA state wrestling tournament. Coach McFall doesn't like me to catch and pitch.

Catching is pretty much my strong point. I'm still learning first base. It is my second year at first base."

On the mound, Lutz is 5-0 this spring with a 1.11 ERA.

"Pitching is something I really don't work on," Lutz said. "I just kind of go out there and throw when it is my turn. I work a lot on my hitting."

Nonetheless, Lutz has managed 13 wins in less than two full seasons.



## SPORTS

# Physicals offered for Collinsville, Granite City athletes

Saint Elizabeth Sports Medicine will be offering physicals for athletes from Granite City and Collinsville high schools.

Cost is \$25 for the physicals, which are good for one calendar year and are accepted by the Illinois High School Association.

For Granite City students, physicals are set for May 20-21, beginning at 8:30 p.m. each day, in the physical medicine department at the Wolf Building, 2100 Madison Ave.

For Collinsville students, physicals are set for May 27, July 28 and July 29 at 800 St. Louis Road, Collinsville.

For information, contact Saint Elizabeth Sports Medicine at 798-3943.

### College wrestling

Granite City High graduate John Venne was one of three Meramec College wrestlers to qualify for the NJCAA tournament. This year, the Warriors placed 20th in the NJCAA Division I tournament, which was conducted in Bismarck, N.D.

### Soccer camp

The Southern Illinois Soccer League is hosting the Ultimate Touch International Soccer Camp, June 22-26 at the Van Fossen Soccer Fields in Collinsville. The day camp, with international coaches, is geared toward the serious soccer player ages 6 to 17. Proceeds benefit the SISL College Soccer Showcase. For information or an application, call Judy at 931-8207 or Carol at 692-1033.

### Derby Day

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The Kentucky Derby starts shortly after 4:30 p.m. locally. A field of 17 to 19 3-year-olds is anticipated for the Derby.

In addition to racing Saturday, the Black Stallion Dinng Room at Fairmount Park offers an all you can eat buffet for \$15.

For more information call 345-4300.

### Prairie State Games

Elite teams in basketball, soccer and volleyball are now forming for the Southwestern North Region for the 15th annual Prairie State Games scheduled for June 26-28 in southwestern Illinois.

There will be four teams — Open Men, Open Women, Scholastic Men and Scholastic Women in each of the four sports. The Open division is for players beyond the 12th grade, while the Scholastic division is for players who are in grades 8-12 for the 1997-98 school year. A player must be either a resident of or attend school in the counties of Madison, Jersey, Calhoun, Bond or Fayette to be eligible for the regional team.

Players making the teams will compete against the

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state's 11 other region teams at the Finals, June 26-28.

The tryout fee is \$18, which includes a Prairie State Games souvenir T-shirt. Applications can be processed at the time of the tryouts. The tryouts are for younger than 18 years of age must have his or her parent or guardian sign a waiver.

The tryouts and contact person for each of the teams are:

**Basketball** — Open Men (Bob Emig — 632-1002), Open Women (Bob Emig — 632-1002), Scholastic Men (Jeff Faulkenberg — 654-8886), Scholastic Women (Rich Waller — 345-8886).

**Soccer** — Open Men (Norm Seim — 667-2827), Open Women (Gene Briggs — 676-4719 or 451-5808), Scholastic Men (Terry and Eric Mitchell — 452-0308 or 451-5826).

**Tryouts for Open Men's and Scholastic Men's soccer are May 3 and 17, 5-7 p.m. at the Edwardsville Area Soccer Club, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. Tryouts for Open Women's soccer are May 3 and 17, 5-7 p.m. at the Edwardsville Area Soccer Club, SIUE. Scholastic Women's soccer tryouts are May 3 and 17, 5-7 p.m. at the Edwardsville Area Soccer Club, SIUE.**

**Volleyball** — Open Men (Chris Verdun — 656-7719 or 304-8188), Open Women (Missy Dorsey — 377-6987 or 656-0485), Scholastic Women (Stacey Coffman — 345-9666).

**Volleyball Tryouts are as follows:** Open Women — May 31, p.m. at Edwardsville Middle School, 145 West Street; Scholastic Women — May 3, 4-6 p.m. at Wilbur Trimpe Junior High School in Bethalto.

A coach is still needed for the Scholastic Men Volleyball team. Any interested person should contact Bob Emig at 632-1002.

**The Prairie State Games, now in its fourth year in Southwestern Illinois, is the state's largest amateur sports festival. Almost 6,000 athletes competed last year's games.**

For further information on the PFG, call the team contact person or Regional Director, Bob Emig (632-1002 or 344-0984).

**Golf tourney**

The sixth annual Collinsville Rotary Golf Tournament is June 12 at the Fox Creek Golf Club near Edwardsville.

The 18-hole fundraising golf scramble is sponsored by the Collinsville Rotary Club. Prize money totaling \$1,800 will be awarded to the top three finishers in each of three flights, according to tournament general chairman John O'Connell.

Registration is \$75 per golfer. The event is limited to 36 four-player teams, a total of 144 golfers.

For entry information, call Ostanik at 345-9565. Entry forms are also available at local golf clubs.

**Golf tourney**

The annual golf outing sponsored by the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce will be Saturday, May 15, at The Orchards in Belleville.

Reservations are now being accepted for the four-golfer

scramble. There will be a shot gun start at 12:30 p.m. The price per golfer is \$75 which includes the cart, green fees, range balls, goody bag, free beer and soda, dinner buffet and awards ceremony.

Those not able to golf can sponsor a hole for \$50. For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce office at 344-2884.

**Hunting proposal**

A change has been proposed that will affect the dove hunting program at Horseshoe Lake State Park in Madison County and the Mississippi River Area in Jersey and Calhoun counties. This proposal, if enacted, will require the use of non-toxic shot — size 6 steel or 7½, instead of the smaller shot.

This change is required because of the large number of birds that are killed by the high volume of lead being deposited in the fields. Switching to non-toxic shot will reduce the possibility of lead poisoning in many bird species due to accidental ingestion of lead shot while feeding.

For additional information, please call Horseshoe Lake State Park at 931-8901 or the Mississippi River Area at 376-3303.

**Play Day**

The Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce announces the 41st Annual Play Day on June 1 at Legacy Golf Course. Chamber members and prospective members are invited to attend.

Events include golf (scramble), a cookout (steaks and chicken) and plenty of prizes. Fees are as follows: Cookout & Golf, \$70; Golf only, \$50; Cookout only, \$25. There will be a shot gun start at 11 a.m. Please call the chamber office at 876-6400 to make your reservations. Reservations are due by May 18. Payment is due by May 25.

**Lutheran Day**

The 22nd annual Lutheran Day at Busch Stadium will be May 25 (Memorial Day).

The Cardinals will play 1:15 p.m. against the Colorado Rockies, followed by exhibition games with four local Lutheran high schools, including Metro East Lutheran.

Tickets are \$11, and schools receive some of the proceeds for tickets they sell. Each school has 750 tickets available.

For information, call Signmund Bohnet at 656-0043.

### Wrestling banquet

After an historic campaign which saw the Granite City High School wrestling program notch its 100th consecutive regular season dual meet victory as well as its national-record 1,000th all-time dual meet victory, Warriors wrestling is being honored by the Granite City Elks Youth Athletics Committee.

Not just the 1997-98 squad, but the entire GCJHS wrestling program from the 1933-34 season to the present is being honored in evening festivities on Thursday, May 7, at 6 p.m. followed by a prime rib dinner at 7 p.m. An awards and presentation ceremony will begin at 8 p.m. All Granite City High School

grapplers who lettered from the 1933-34 season are invited to attend the function free of charge. A \$10 fee will be charged for any guest the honorees bring to the event.

Special guest speakers are slated for the evening, including former coaches of the nationally recognized wrestling program. An attempt is being made to have all four living coaches in attendance.

The Elks are asking the community's help in locating former lettered wrestlers who may have moved from the Granite City area. Anyone knowing such athletes is asked to contact those athletes and advise them of this important event.

Tickets and reservations can be obtained by calling: Jim McKeehan (876-6060), Monte Kessler (931-0581), or John Janek (877-0428). For more information, call Steve Nann (692-7040, ext. 4828).

**BAC softball camps**

Belleville Area College softball coach Kathy Bernal will conduct two softball camps this August.

Both camps will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the college's Belleville campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave. The first camp, Aug. 10-12, is for girls in grades 5-8; the second camp, Aug. 17-19, is for grades 9-12.

The cost of each camp is \$35. The limit per camp is 60 players. Checks should be made payable to BAC Softball Camp.

For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271.

### BAC baseball camps

Boys ages 7-17 can learn or improve their baseball fundamentals this summer at Belleville Area College's Belleville campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave., as BAC baseball coach Neil Fiala conducts his annual summer camps during June and July.

Campers will learn the techniques of hitting, pitching and fielding. The cost of the two fundamentals camps is \$80; the cost of each specialized camp is \$30. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and enrollment is limited.

Checks should be made payable to Belleville Area College and should be mailed to Belleville Area College, Business Office, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, IL 62221.

Camps will take place during the following weeks:

- June 8-11, 9 a.m.-noon, fundamentals camp.
- June 15-18, 9 a.m.-noon, fundamentals camp.
- June 22-25, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (hitters).
- June 24-25, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (pitchers).
- July 6-7, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (hitters).
- July 8-9, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (fielders).

For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271.

### BAC-basketball camps

Belleville Area College men's basketball coach Jay Haring and women's coach Mike Juenger will conduct

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their annual basketball camps this summer.

Area boys and girls from grades 1-12 are eligible to take part in the week-long sessions, which will be offered in June, July and August. Costs of the camps vary.

Checks should be made payable to BAC Basketball Camp and should be mailed to Belleville Area College, Business Office, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, IL 62221.

Camps will be held during the following weeks:

- June 15-19, 9 a.m.-noon, girls grades 5-8. Cost: \$50.
- June 15-19, 1-4 p.m., boys grades 5-8. Cost: \$50.
- June 22-24, 9 a.m.-noon, grades 3-4 nipper camp. Cost: \$40.
- June 29-July 1, grades 9-12 guard camp. Cost: \$30.
- July 6-10, 9 a.m.-noon, girls grades 5-8 team camp (teams of five or more). Cost: \$50.
- July 6-10, 1-4 p.m., boys grades 5-8 team camp (teams of five or more). Cost: \$50.
- July 13-17, boys grades 5-8. Cost: \$50.
- July 13-17, 1-4 p.m., girls grades 5-8. Cost: \$50.
- July 27-29, 9 a.m.-noon, grades 1-2 little nipper camp. Cost: \$40.
- July 27-29, 1-4 p.m., grades 5-8 shooting camp. Cost: \$30.
- Aug. 3-7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., grades 5-8 boys. Cost: \$90 (includes lunch).

For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271 or 1-800-BAC-5131, extension 271.

### Hockey club

Two local hockey coaches have announced the formation of a new junior team in the Metro East.

Joe Lebrky and Larry Thatcher are seeking approval from USA Hockey to form the Illinois Thunder, which will be comprised of past and present players from AA and high school teams. The squad will play at the both the new facility in Fairview Heights (scheduled to open this spring) and the East Alton Ice Rink.

Lebrky and Thatcher are currently members of the board of directors and coaches of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association and between them have more than 35 years of hockey experience.

For more information

regarding player participation or sponsorship, call Lebrky at 234-1741.

**Golf tourney**

The St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation presents the fourth annual St. Louis Gateway Classic/President Casino on the Admiral Golf Tournament on May 29 at the Grand Marais Golf Course, Frank Holton State Park in Centerville.

Tea-off is at 8 a.m. The entry fee is \$125 per person or \$500 for a foursome, which includes registration, gift bag, green fees and refreshments. The gift bag will include items such as caps, golf tees, golf balls, etc.

Prizes and awards will be presented at the luncheon awards banquet at the Grand Marais Club House immediately following play. A continental breakfast will be provided at 7 a.m., as well as the famous Wilson's BBQ lunch served at the awards banquet at approximately 1 p.m.

For more information about the golf tournament call Arthur Tyler Jr., director of operations, at (314) 621-1994.

### Football clinic

The 1998 Youth and Fundamentals Football Clinic will be May 9 at Edwardsville High School. The cost is \$20 (\$25 at the door) and includes:

- Five hours of football from top coaches; eight speakers; exhibits; free clinic notebook; door prizes; free coffee and refreshments; and free lunch.

For more information, call 1-800-435-6110.

### Tomahawks tourney

The Tomahawks Softball Club is sponsoring the following tournaments:

- The Tomahawks Women's Open Fastpitch Softball Tournament, June 27 at Millstadt City Park. The entry fee is \$150 per team, with three games guaranteed (weather permitting).
- The fourth annual Tomahawks Summer Sizzler Girls Fastpitch Softball Tournament, July 17-19 at Millstadt City Park. The entry fee is \$150 per team, with three games guaranteed (weather permitting).

For more information, call 538-7738.

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## THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED  
Attorney At Law

If a car repair shop works on a customer's automobile, and the owner of the shop then returns the car to an obviously intoxicated customer, is the shop responsible for injuries caused to the party by the intoxicated driver? In one recent case, the owner of the car brought his car to a repair shop to fix a leaking tire and replace a burned out headlight. The owner subsequently showed up to claim the car, and the repair shop returned the car to him despite the fact that the owner was intoxicated when he was given the car keys. Should the repair shop owner be held responsible in this situation if the owner of the car drives away and causes the death of another driver? The trial court held that the defendant repair shop owed a duty to the family of the injured driver to prevent the intoxicated owner from continuing to drive. This case was taken on appeal. The plaintiff contended that her complaint stated a case based on negligent entrustment. Negligent entrustment occurs where one entrusts something to another knowing that the third person will use the thing to create an unreasonable risk of harm to others. The question in this case is whether a person who holds property for another is liable for returning the property he is holding to the rightful

owner. If the courts were to impose an absolute duty to keep an intoxicated driver from reclaiming his keys in these situations, to what extent should one carry this duty? For instance, should a gas station attendant refuse to return keys to an intoxicated driver? Should a toll booth collector or parking lot attendant do likewise? Generally speaking, courts in Illinois have refused to go this far.

One could envision a situation where the person holding the car refused to return keys to an intoxicated driver, and the intoxicated driver would charge him with theft or robbery based on the refusal to return the vehicle. In any event, the Appellate Court in the present case noted that once the owner of the vehicle paid for the repairs and demanded the return of his keys, the defendant repair shop had no discretion to refuse the return of the vehicle. Because the intoxicated driver already owned the car, the repair shop cannot be liable for "negligently entrusting" it to him.

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## SPORTS

# Shootout relying on better weather

## Tournament with Granite City needs cooperation to reach its conclusion

By Steve Salem  
Staff writer

"If the weather cooperates the rest of the week..." Those words are on the lips of many coaches and athletic directors this week, but none more than those involved with the St. Dominic/Howell North Shootout.

Twelve pool play games were scheduled to be played at Francis Howell North and St. Dominic on Monday and Tuesday, but only three games were played.

That situation is making organizers scramble to get the tournament completed by the end of the week.

"This is the worst it's been," How-

## GIRLS SOCCER

ell North coach Dan Hogan said.

In past years, the semifinal and championship games have all been played on Saturday because of weather problems. That is already a best-case scenario this year.

"If we even get this thing completed, we'll be lucky," Howell North activities director Mike Dunn said.

Howell North hosted three games on Monday, with Hazelwood Central tying Parkway West 1-1, St. Joseph's defeating Howell North 6-1 and Ner-

inx Hall edging Francis Howell 1-0. Due to conditions, St. Dominic was unable to host any games Monday or Tuesday.

"It doesn't take water at all," St. Dominic athletic director Joe Haug said of the Crusaders' home field.

Games originally scheduled for Tuesday were pushed back to Wednesday. Howell North was scheduled to host three games and St. Dominic one. The remaining two games scheduled at St. Dominic were moved to Francis Howell.

Granite City was unable to play Monday against Duchesne or Tuesday against Howell. The Lady Warriors

were hoping to play a makeup game Wednesday and take on Nerinx Hall today.

At Journal press time on Wednesday, organizers expected today's games to be played as scheduled. No games will be played at Howell North on Friday if the Wednesday and Thursday games were completed as scheduled. St. Dominic will make up Monday's schedule Friday to complete pool play.

"Our field has held up really well considering all the rain we've gotten," Dunn said. "We'll host our end of the games, but I don't think we

can host anything else."

That would leave Saturday to finish the tournament with the semifinals at both sites in the morning and the championship game at Howell North that afternoon.

Hogan said putting the tournament off until next week is an unlikely possibility.

"We're so condensed in the spring, it's really tough to postpone it for a week. And there's no guarantee the weather will be any better," Hogan said. "We'll do what we can to get the tournament in this week."

# Funkhouser has Triad headed to elite status

By Bob Emig  
Staff writer

The pedigree is certainly there.

Growing up with the game as a son of a former baseball coach. Playing in one of the top high school programs in the state. Playing college ball under one of the legendary coaches in the game.

Mike Scroggins, a former baseball coach himself, and others in the Triad school system in positions of authority could see that Tim Funkhouser, although only 23 years old at the time, was ready to step in as the head varsity baseball coach at Triad High School. He was picked for the job at an age when most young men coming out of college hope to just land a teaching job of any kind. Funkhouser was coming out of Western Illinois University, where he had earned his degree in physical education, served one year as a graduate assistant for the baseball team, and, for all practical purposes, had his

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Ph.D. in baseball.

"I'm sure all of those things worked in my favor," said Funkhouser, who also was a student-teacher at Triad, where Scroggins is the principal. "I played under some great high school coaches. I played at Edwardsville High School, where we've had a lot of success. Dick Pawlow, at Western Illinois, is recognized as one of the top hitting coaches in the country. And my dad, Bill, also was well-known in the area."

Not surprisingly, Funkhouser says coaching "is something I've always felt I wanted to do."

Now in his third season at Triad, the 26-year-old Funkhouser has his Knights among the Metro East's elite. They were 11-3 coming into the week.

His first team two years ago was a veteran club and enjoyed success.

Last season, the Knights fought through inexperience and youth. The hard times of last season are paying off this season.

No doubt Funkhouser is among the up-and-coming young baseball coaches in the area. He was born into the game. His father coached at Edwardsville from 1972-80, taking the Tigers to the state tournament in his last season.

"I developed a lot of my theories about the game from my dad," Funkhouser says. "We went to a lot of Cardinals games and watched them play on TV. He coached me in little league ball, and I was his bat boy for his high school teams."

"He's retired now. He'll often show up at our Triad games, and we'll discuss the games. He'll point out 6 to 10 things about the game I didn't see."

When it came Tim's time to play high school ball, he didn't disappoint. He was part of Edwardsville's state championship team in 1990. He was all-area as a second baseman his

junior year and as a shortstop his senior year.

From Edwardsville head coach Paul Pawlow, Funkhouser learned how to motivate players.

"He taught you respect and love for the game," Funkhouser said. "He's a great practice organizer. He emphasizes perfection in practice and puts a lot of pressure on you, so the pressure in the games is not as great. Our practices were a lot harder than the games."

Funkhouser was not short-changed in college, where he played under Pawlow.

"I learned a lot about hitting from Coach Pawlow," Funkhouser said. "His teams are always among the top-hitting teams in NCAA Division I each year."

Funkhouser put Pawlow's theories to practice, finishing among the all-time career leaders at Western Illinois in hits, walks, at-bats and games

played. The career 300-plus hitter also showed his leadership qualities by serving as the team's captain his junior and senior seasons.

"We didn't win as many games as I would have liked in college, usually finishing around .500," Funkhouser said. "It (the losing) was tough at times, especially coming from a program like Edwardsville where you would lose maybe three or four games all season."

Now, as the coach at Triad, Funkhouser wants to build his own program. He believes on any given day that his team can compete with the likes of Edwardsville, Belleville East and Collinsville. In his short stay at Triad, his team has been able to beat Edwardsville and Belleville at least once. He's still looking for his first victory over Collinsville. One thing's for sure. At age 26, he still has plenty of time on his side.

# SIUE wins league tournament

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

A pair of Collinsville residents paced the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville men's tennis team to the Great Lakes Valley Conference championship.

Jason Stephens and Tim McKay both played major roles in helping the Cougars garner the title.

In order to win the GLVC Tournament, SIUE had to overcome Southern Indiana, a team the Cougars lost to in their last GLVC regular-season match. SIUE and Southern Indiana met again for the tournament title and the Cougars quieted the Screaming Eagles, 5-0.

"I'm extremely proud of

## COLLEGE TENNIS

our players," SIUE tennis coach Bill Logan said. "Everyone came focused and ready to play, wanting to make up for the loss that cost us our only conference loss and the regular-season title."

Stephens won all three of his matches during the tournament. He finished GLVC action with a perfect 10-0 singles record to go along with a 9-2 doubles mark. League coaches named Stephens to the All-GLVC team.

Tim McKay was an important singles match against Lewis University in the semifinals to help the Cougars advance the title match.

McKay later teamed with Justin Lombard to win a doubles match against Lewis.

Mike Reither of St. Louis was selected the GLVC Player of the Year for his outstanding play. Reither finished the year with a 12-1 singles mark. He topped Southern Indiana's Andrew Majkner, and teamed with Keith Harvie (Belleville East) to win their doubles match against John Benedyk and Majkner.

Reither is a well-deserving, top student-athlete majoring in psychology with a 4.0 grade point average. Logan said, "He has one year of eligibility remaining, and I look forward to coaching him again next year."

# O'Fallon selects Kellerman to replace Toenjes as mentor

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

It didn't happen under the circumstances he had envisioned, but Kevin Kellerman has reached his goal of becoming a head coach.

Kellerman, a 43-year-old Breese resident, was named last week as the new varsity basketball coach at O'Fallon High School. An assistant coach at OTHS for the past nine years, he replaces Norm Toenjes, who had a 136-129 record in 10 years at the helm.

"I've been blessed as far as the decisions I've made," Kellerman said. "I've been interested in a lot of basketball positions over the years. I almost took the job at Mascoutah and I almost went to Freeburg as well. It's like someone was looking over my shoulder and saying, 'Be patient and bide your time.' O'Fallon is a good school and a good program and I'm glad to be able to stay here."

## BOYS BASKETBALL

In April of 1997, the District 203 school board indicated it wanted to make a change in the program and gave Toenjes three options: resign immediately, be fired or turn in a letter of resignation effective after the 1997-98 season.

In an up-and-down campaign, the Panthers were 15-15, but finished strong, upsetting Althoff and Belleville East to claim a regional title before losing in the sectional semifinals. Toenjes hoped the board would reconsider his decision, but at its March meeting, it voted 5-1 to accept his resignation.

"The only thing that bothers me was how I ended up getting this job," Kellerman said. "Any time that kind of situation happens, you never feel good about it."

"I feel bad for (Toenjes), but I also have to look at it as an opportunity for myself. Norm and I discussed it, and he was in the same situation here with Dave Shannahan (who was fired after the 1987-88 season). It was very difficult for Norm to coach under the cir-

cumstances, and it took a lot of courage to do it."

A 1972 graduate of Mater Dei High School, Kellerman played basketball for the Knights under the late Bill Kellen.

After high school, Kellerman played one year on a basketball scholarship at the University of Texas under coach Abe Lemons. When Lemons left, Kellerman transferred to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and played one season for the Cougars.

"That was a rough year for me," Kellerman said. "I broke my ankle against Quincy (College) and I thought about taking a year off, but I talked to Quincy's coaches and ended up playing there my last two years."

After playing semi-pro basketball in Europe for three months, Kellerman was hired at Oakville High School and spent four years (1977-81) as the Rockets' freshman coach.

Kellerman coached Mater Dei's freshman team until the 1986-87 school year, when he went to O'Fallon. He spent seven years coaching the Panthers' freshman squad and was junior varsity coach and a varsity assistant the past two years.

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## Association's Bike-A-Thon set for three locations

The St. Louis Chapter of the American Diabetes Association will hold its 26th annual Bike-A-Thon May 9.

The Bike-A-Thon will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at three locations:

**Forest Park** — new starting point is Crickett Field; turn into Forest Park on Crickett Drive (off Lindell between Union and DeSalle); includes in-line skating; 8.5 miles.

**Katy Trail** — starting points at St. Charles Katy Depot, Weldon Spring or Marthasville; choice of round-trip distances from 7 to 76 miles.

**Great River Road** — starting points at the bicycle path north of Alton, the beginning of Sen. Vadalabene's Bike Trail or the parking lot at Grafton; choice of round-trip distances from 4 to 29 miles.

More than 1,000 riders/skaters are expected to participate in the event, which has raised more than \$1.9 million in the past 25 years, said Gloria Hirsch, chairwoman. Proceeds from the event are used for diabetes research and American Diabetes Association programs.

More than 200 prizes to be awarded to participants raising the most money have been contributed by area businesses, sports teams and hotels.

The grand prize is a five-day vacation for two at Ramada Plaza Gateway Hotel in Orlando, Fla. Airfare has been contributed by American Airlines.

Special trophies and prizes will be awarded to groups of riders/skaters who enter as teams. There also will be trophies for the oldest and youngest riders/skaters.

Participants raising \$50 or more will receive an official Bike-A-Thon T-shirt.

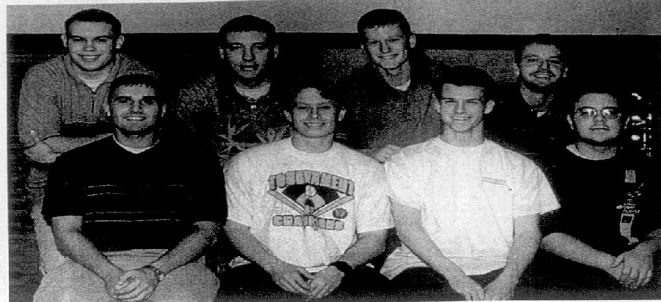
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Sponsors of this year's Bike-A-Thon are American Airlines, Diet Dr. Pepper, McDonald's, radio station KTRS at 550, Six Flags, the *Suburban Journals* and television station KDNL ABC 30.

Bike-A-Thon entry forms are available at all McDonald's restaurants or by calling the American Diabetes Association at (314) 647-2119.



**May Carousel Girls** — Court members of the May Carousel include, from left, bottom row: Tarra Falter, Hillary Aerts, Salina Morlen, Sarah Garcia and Valerie Hanks. Top row: Anna Tapp, Jenna Wright, Bethany Georgeff, Becky Gehling and Sarah Fielding.



**May Carousel Boys** — Court members of the May Carousel also include, from left, bottom row: Luke Geggus, Scott Smallie, Joe Herman and Tim Dittman. Top row: Jeff Hayden, Dustin Brewer, Brian Kamadulski and Mack Achenbach. Not pictured: Jeff Klee and Jonas Janek.

## Exchange student host families needed

The American International Youth Student Exchange Program is a nonprofit high school foreign exchange program.

AIYSEP offers qualified students a chance to spend a summer, semester or school year with a host family in America or abroad.

American host families are being sought for 25 students from high schools in Europe and other foreign countries for the coming school year. Students will arrive in the United States in late August, attend the local school and return home in June 1999.

The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by their school counselors in their home countries and will receive medical insurance and spending money.

American families with small children are welcome to participate in the program. All families hosting a student for the year can deduct \$50 a month for income tax purposes.

AIYSEP also is seeking American high school students, ages 15 through 19, who would like to spend a high school semester or year with a European family or to participate in a four- or six-week family

stay abroad in the summer. Students are screened by AIYSEP school counselors and educators in the local schools.

Candidates who have evidence of maturity, superior character and knowledge of English and a foreign language can be finalists and become AIYSEP students.

Interested students and families should write to the AIYSEP International Headquarters: Office of the Director, 200 Round Hill Road, Tiburon, CA 94920; or call (800) 347-7575.

For additional information and/or reservations regarding the Ecumenical Day of Reflection, please contact June Bricker at the Shrine, 618/397-6700 (TTY) or, from St. Louis, 314-241-3400 (TTY).

## Shrine offers day of 'renewal'

"Unity in the Spirit" is the topic for a Day of Renewal from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 12 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Visitors Center in Belleville.

Sponsored by the Gateway Ecumenical Forum, this day of reflection is in preparation for the 2000th celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

The two speakers in dialogue are: Dr. Gary McGee, professor of church history at the Assemblies of God Seminary, Springfield, Mo.; and the Rev. Ken Siefert, Ukrainian Orthodox Church, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville.

"Unity in the Spirit" will

comes both clergy and laity together to move toward greater church unity.

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## Auction of collectible books new feature of St. Louis fair

A regularly scheduled sign of spring will be visible beginning tomorrow.

The enormous checkerboard tent filled with volunteers, customers and thousands of books on the parking lot of Famous-Barr at the West County Center mean the Greater St. Louis Book Fair is here.

The book fair will be at the center, at Manchester Road and Interstate 270, tomorrow through Monday. This is the 49th year of the fair, which raises money for the Nursery Foundation of St. Louis, a United Way agency.

The fair is believed by its organizers to be the largest in the nation. Customers may choose from more than one million items in 225 categories, from astrology to zoology. Not only are books sold, but records, sheet music, magazines, posters and other items also are available.

"It just keeps growing," said Lisa Merend, chairwoman of the book fair. "This year, we'll

have three tents to allow us to better display even more of the wonderful items donated this year."

The extra space also means that the 50,000-plus book lovers expected at the book fair will have plenty of room to browse without feeling cramped, she said.

This year a new feature has been added to the book fair: an auction of more valuable items will be conducted Thursday night.

Several noteworthy items will be on the block, including a book titled "Fore Edge." The book was written by Washington Irving in 1922 under the pseudonym William Knickerbocker. The pages of the book are edged in gold and when they are bent a picture of New York appears. Book fair organizers believe it to be priceless.

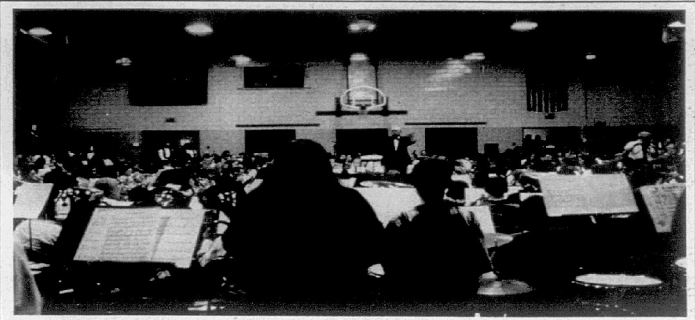
First editions of classics by William Faulkner (such as a 1936 printing of *Absolom Absolom!*) and J.R. Tolkien

(a 1938 printing of "The Hobbit") will be available. Also to be sold are a 1944 picture of the Browns baseball team, signed by every member of the team taken the only year the team won the pennant, and a sketch of the horse Citation with rider Eddie Arcaro the year they won the Triple Crown.

Merenda has volunteered for the fair since 1991. She served as vice-chair last year and also has served as treasurer. Merenda will be assisted by former chair Midge Crider and co-chairs Tracy Deater and Stephanie Garland.

The book fair will be open 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, when admission is \$7. Admission is free the remaining days of the fair. The fair will be open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday; and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday.

Admission from 9 a.m. to 6 a.m. Saturday is reserved for those with physical disabilities.



Students perform in the 49th Annual Elementary and Middle School Band Festival Feb. 14.

## Local students show musical potential

Several area students participated in the 49th Annual Elementary and Middle School Band Festival Feb. 14 at East Alton Middle School.

Granite City middle school participants included: Flute — Erin Hull and Nicole Tieman; Clarinet I — Tom Jones and Laurie Spurlock; Clarinet II — Jamie Cox and Linda Roberts; Alto Saxophone — Ronnie Morlen and Stephanie Williams.

Tenor Saxophone — Nathan Fischer and Brandy Gant; Trumpet I — Mark Ledbetter and Darren Young; Trumpet II — Laura

Owca and Derek Sanchez; French Horn I — Lauren Coppedge and James Gauen; Trombone I — Johnathan Hedge; Trombone II — Shelly Smith; Baritone Horn — Mikal Andria; Tuba — Adam Stevens; and Percussion — Cody Anderson and Shawn Newman.

Granite City schools elementary participants included: Flute — Alexandra Batistio; Bassoon — Willy Connelly; Clarinet I — Kelli Comer, Diane Fleming and Katie Humphrey; Clarinet II

— Jennifer Mull and Vanessa Ross; Bass Clarinet — Elizabeth Moulton; Alto Saxophone — Jennifer Brantley; Tenor Saxophone — Andrew Skold; Trumpet I — Jacob Johnson; Trumpet II — Bradley Grace and Jennifer Lloyd; Trombone — Brian Vorce; Tuba — Stephanie Bosworth; and Percussion — Johnathan Morlen.

The Madison County Instrumental Teachers Association, in cooperation with Harry Briggs Jr., education superintendent for Madison County, sponsored the Band Festival.

## Wagon Train to receive bluegrass welcome

George Portz and the Friends of Bluegrass — one of the top acoustic music groups in the St. Louis and Metro East area — will headline the "March Under the Arch" welcoming Boys and Girls Town of Missouri's 1998 Wagon Train to the St. Louis Riverfront on Sunday.

The public is invited to join in the festivities, which begin at 1:15 p.m. on L.K. Sullivan Boulevard under the Gateway Arch. The March Under the Arch is the celebration of the completion of the Wagon Train, a nine-day, 200-mile trail ride from the Boys and Girls Town of Missouri campus in St. James to the St. Louis riverfront.

This year's Wagon Train will

involve about 150 residents and 80 staff members from BGTM, riding 250 horses and mules and 15 covered wagons.

Based in O'Fallon, George Portz and the Friends of Bluegrass perform a potent concoction of fiery bluegrass seasoned with some fine traditional Celtic and Louisiana Cajun music. The group combines enthusiasm, top-notch musical and humor to entertain crowds at music festivals throughout the Midwest.

The group's leader and fiddle player, George Portz, has captured more than 130 first-place championships in fiddle competitions, including the 1993 National Open Fiddle Championship. Portz, originally from Granite City, played

for President Richard Nixon at the White House in 1973, and played with The Friends of Bluegrass for President Ronald Reagan at the Illinois State Fair in 1986.

The Wagon Train is part of the therapeutic programs at Boys and Girls Town of Missouri, a residential and outreach treatment facility for boys and girls ages 6 through 17 with a history of abuse, neglect, severe behavioral or psychological problems and/or learning disorders.

## Free introductory parenting seminar offered

Chestnut Health Systems presents a free seminar for parents, "Parenting Difficult Children" from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Edwardsville Public Library, 112 S. Kansas St., Edwardsville. Barbara Farrell, licensed clinical social worker will speak to parents about parenting techniques that are helpful

when children have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), or Oppositional Defiant Disorder.

During the seminar, Farrell will provide an overview of the upcoming series entitled, "Parenting the Difficult Child," which she will facilitate on a weekly basis from 10

a.m. to noon starting May 16 at Chestnut Health Systems, 1507 Troy Road, Edwardsville.

For further information about the free seminar or the workshop series, call 877-4420, and ask to speak to an intake manager. No registration is necessary for the free seminar.

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## ANNIVERSARIES



Agnes and William Hillmer

## Hillmer — 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. William Hillmer of Granite City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on April 3, at Knights of Columbus Hall.

William Hillmer and Agnes Jenkins were married on April 3, 1948, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Granite City by the Rev. J. P. Jordon officiating. Mr. Hillmer is retired from Local 520 as a heavy equipment operator for 47 years. Mrs. Hillmer is a homemaker.

They have two children, one son, James Hillmer and his wife Lori, of Glen Carbon; and one daughter, Deborah McCall and her husband Stephen, of Farmington. The couple also have six grandchildren.



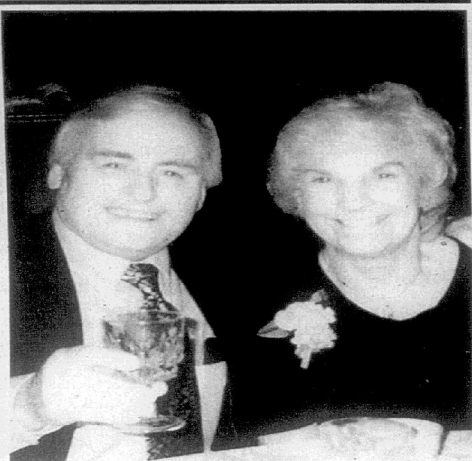
Nickey and Lester Crites

## Crites — 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Crites of Glendale, Ariz., formerly of Madison, celebrated their 50th anniversary with an open house hosted by their children on March 28.

Lester Crites and Nicky McGarvey were married on March 28, 1948, at the Baptist Parsonage in Madison.

They are the parents of Linda Ashton and Steve Crites of Glendale, Ariz. and Rhonda Bingham of Phoenix, Ariz. The couple have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Helen Mansfield of Granite City, attendant at their wedding was able to attend and surprise the couple.



John and Leona Auer

## Auer — 40 years

Leona and John Auer, formerly of Granite City, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

They were happy to celebrate the occasion with their sons, Keith and Scott, and their families.

The Auers now reside in St. Charles, Mo.

## WEDDING



Christopher and Jamie Derleth

## Mudd — Derleth

Jamie Victoria Mudd and Christopher Michael Derleth were married on Nov. 15, 1997 at Knights of Columbus Hall in the Gazebo by Rev. R. D. Hubbard officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Ruth Mudd of Granite City. She graduated from Granite City Senior High School and Belleville Area College in Granite City and is employed by Carousal Day Care as a childcare worker and Walmart McDonalds as a crew worker.

The groom is the son of Gerald Derleth of and Debbie Ford of Granite City. He is employed by Park Warehouse as a warehouse man, highlift driver.

Vallerie Mudd attended her sister as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Tammy Wood and Jennifer Escobar.

Mike Faddis attended his friend as best man. Groomsmen were Timothy Mudd and Antonio Escobar.

Others in the wedding were Kaitlyn Stallmann as flower girl, Ethan Kohr as the ringbearer, Dan Kohr and Arthur "Corky" Faddis were the ushers.

The reception was at Knight of Columbus Hall in Granite City. The couple resides in Granite City.

## IN SERVICE

STEVEN D. SMITH of Mitchell has joined the U.S. Army and received the Army's written guarantee that he will receive training in the job specialty of his choice, Wheel Vehicle Repairer.

Smith, a 1996 graduate of Granite City High School, will take basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and advanced individual training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

He is the son of Edwards and Margaret Smith of Mitchell and is married to Mrs. Adrian (Briley).

Smith, daughter of Mr. Albert and Jacky Briley of Fairmont City.

ROCKY SMITH, a senior at Granite City High School, recently enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps delayed entry program.

JAMES O. STEPHENS, a graduate of Granite City High School, recently graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Training in San Diego.

ERIC YURCISIN, a senior at Granite City High School, recently enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps.

## CHURCH BRIEFS

## St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

SPRING BREAKFAST FOR LIFE: St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will hold its first Spring breakfast for life at 9 a.m. May 3 at the church. The public is invited.

Attendance prizes and entertainment are provided. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$4 for children. For tickets, call 931-7800. All proceeds benefit Granite City Right to Life.

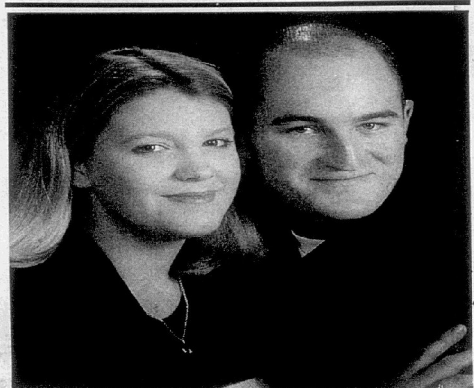
## Harvest Assembly

SPIRIT LIFE CRUSADE: Harvest Assembly is holding a spirit life crusade May 3-6 with David A. Baker at the church, 4558 Highway 162. For information, call 931-2500.

## Living Waters Outreach Center

GOSPEL CONCERT: Bill and Marge Ellsworth plus Harvest Time Singers will be in concert at 7 p.m. May 8 and the Kennedy Family's bluegrass gospel will be in concert at 7 p.m. May 9 at the Living Waters Outreach Center, 3121 W. Chain of Rocks Road. All are welcome.

## ENGAGEMENT



Kari Buckingham and James Cox

## Buckingham — Cox

Kari Buckingham, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo of Granite City, and James David Cox, the son of Sharon Gibson and the late William Cox of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Buckingham is a student of St. Louis University and will be graduating in May with a B.S. in Communication Disorders. She is employed by St. Louis University Hospital as a nurse assistant.

Cox is a graduate of Belleville Area College. He is employed as a Highway Patrol Officer for Missouri.

They are planning a Sept. 26, wedding at Missouri Botanical Gardens in St. Louis.

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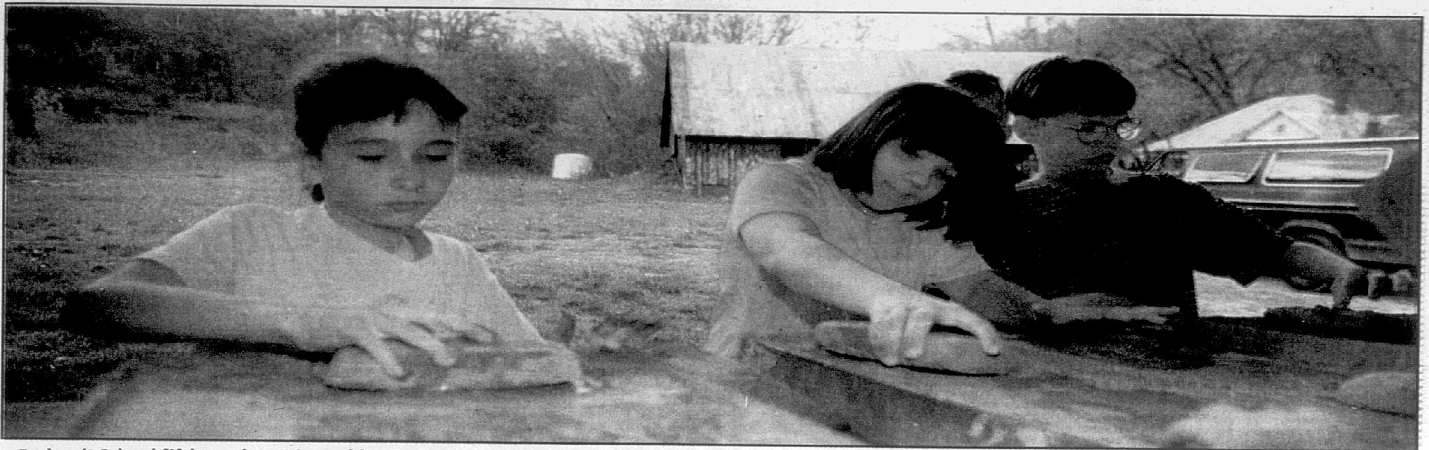
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Frohardt School fifth graders Erica Ashby, Emily Smallman and Cory Lemons use blocks of wood to press clay their class gathered from a creek bed through a screen to remove rocks and plant parts while learning to make pottery from the most basic of ingredients.

## Digging a little deeper

Frohardt students catch dreams of former civilizations

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

There is supposed to be more to life than getting dirty in creek beds and listening to Celine Dion.

For 10 fifth-grade students from Frohardt Elementary School and their teachers — Teresa Meador and Nancy Marti — that included such activities as making pottery, flint knapping, and learning about Native American culture in the Illinois Valley.

The group spent last week at the Center for American Archeology in Kampsville as part of the Museum in the Classroom program. The Frohardt students are among about two dozen schools participating in the program at CAA.

In the Museum in the Classroom program, the students also prepare web sites on their projects.

On April 23 the students spent much of the morning digging clay out of a creek bed.

"I like it a lot," said student Amanda Dowdy, adding she especially enjoyed flint knapping and fire making.

Flint knapping is the art of hitting rocks together to create tools like arrowheads, spear



Students display examples of simple flint tools they learned to make.

heads, or hide scrapers. She said fire making was also fun.

"We tried it the old fashioned way (using flint and steel), but we had to use matches," she said.

Erica Ashby said she was looking forward to making a dream catcher on Friday.

"It's something that if you have good dreams they go through the middle of the dream catcher, but if you have

bad dreams they get stuck," she said.

Traditionally dream catchers are made with eagle feathers, which are illegal to possess. Dyed turkey feathers are usually substituted.

This is the second year the Frohardt students participated, Meador said. Last year some of the students spent one night at the center.

"It has been wonderful," she said of this year's program. "I

was leery at first, but these kids have listened, they have cooperated, they have been wonderful."

The Museum in the Classroom program — funded through a grant by the state Board of Education — is one of several educational programs the center does, said education coordinator Holly Wagner.

"Each spring and each fall we have school groups come in," Wagner said. "They stay for varying periods of time."

The programs are usually for elementary and high school students.

"During the summer we have field schools, where people from high school age on up can come and excavate a site," she said.

Wagner said such programs are "tremendously" important.

"It helps people understand that archeology isn't just about going out and digging a hole in the ground and trying to see what we can find that's kind of neat to look at," she said. "It also helps people understand the cultures that made these items and how they relate to people today. It helps us understand the world around us."

(See FROHARDT, Page 2C)

## Kampsville area center of Illinois' archeology

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Located in the center of "The Nile of North America" in Kampsville, the Center for American Archeology runs a variety of activity and education programs.

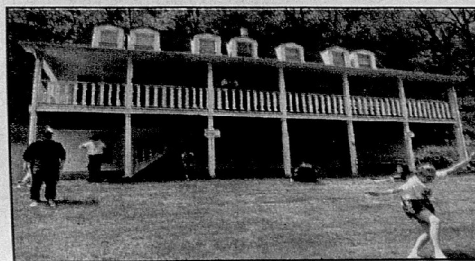
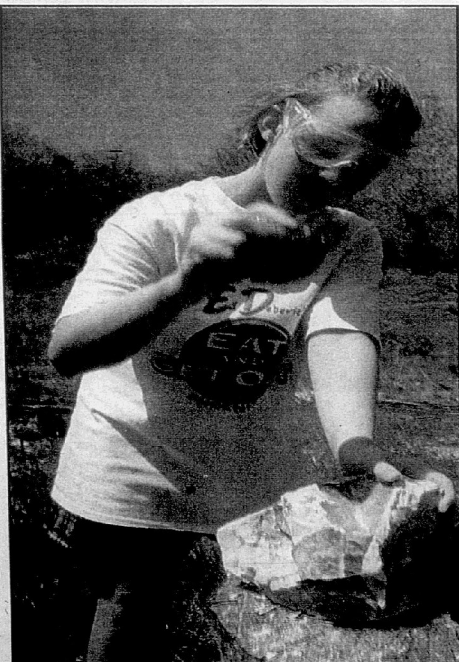
The visitor's center is open from April 20 to Nov. 22, and is located on Highway 100 in Kampsville. The visitor's center includes artifacts, exhibits, displays and media presentations highlighting culture history and archeological discovery in the lower Illinois Valley, which is considered one of the most important archeological regions of the world.

"The Mississippi is truly the Nile of North America," according to CAA literature. "It's natural resources and strategic position nourished the development of complex and sophisticated Indian cultures. Nowhere is the record of those cultures as complete or as spectacular as that found around the 'Crossroads of Prehistoric America' the meeting of the Missouri, Mississippi and Illinois rivers in West-Central Illinois."

Field digs — including the famous Koster site near the Illinois River — trace human occupation of the region back to about 10,000 B.C.

Archeology Day is held July 25. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, teachers and senior citizens. Archeology Day activities are free to CAA members.

Amateur Archeologist's Day is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. (See ARTIFACTS, Page 2C)



Far left: Rachel Clark uses a hammer stone to break off a piece of chert. She and her classmates learned the art of flint knapping, the making of stone tools, during the week at Kampsville. Above, center: The students enjoy lunch after cleaning up after their morning clay-gathering expedition. Above, right: Adam Connor seems to enjoy the dirty work of screening the clay as much as making the pottery. Left: Teacher Nancy Marti, left, and archeologist Kristin Runyon, on the balcony, watch as the students cartwheel and somersault down the hill in front of the dormitory building where they had lunch.

Staff photos by John Frese

# News

## Pontoon Baptist presents 'Look to the Lamb'

Members of the Pontoon Beach Baptist Church presented "Look to the Lamb" on April 5. Characters portrayed were Jesus, Danny McBride; Simon of Cyrene, Ken Fuller; Rufus, Robert Shipley; Alexander, Nichole and Mike Dunne; Roman Soldiers: Shawn Newman, Donny Reeves, Nancy Shipley, Pauline Potter, Sylvia Massman, Linda Moore, Gary Chaney, Clint Potter, Paul A. Stayduhar, Franklin Bickel, and Dennis Lybarger. Curtains were arranged by Andrea Craig, Melissa Owens and Shelly Keller. Sound and lights were controlled by Kelly Potter and Laura Craig. Diana Bickel directed the presentation and was presented a beautiful floral arrangement containing a small lamb by the group. Refreshments were served after the program.

Hannah Lynn Watson arrived at Anderson Hospital, in Maryville, on April 11, at 10:57 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 18½ inches tall. She is the daughter of James Merrell Jr. and Linda Kay Watson of Troy. Paternal grandparents are James and Margaret Merrell Sr. of Troy and paternal great-grandmother is Elsie Haley of Waynesboro, Tenn. Maternal grandmother is Helen Campbell of Troy, and great-grandmothers are Maxine Green and Dot Watson and great-great-grandmother, Lucille Martin all of Granite City.

On Feb. 22, Pontoon Baptist Church, 4000 Highway 111 in Pontoon Beach, celebrated the first-year anniversary of the Rev. Alan Redfern's first Sunday as their pastor. In the morning worship service, several members shared testimonies on the theme, "What my church means to me, and the Rev. and Mrs. Donna Redfern were presented with flowers and a plaque. A fellowship meal followed the service. Redfern came to Pontoon



Maxine Green

Beach from Bassett, Wisc. Former churches they have served in Illinois include Zion Hill Baptist, Centralia; First Baptist, Eldorado; First Baptist, Springfield and New Hope, Petersburg.

Arthritis screening, free X-ray and consultation with an orthopedic surgeon will be available from 5 to 8 p.m. on May 7, in the Health Center in Edwardsville, 1121 University Drive. Call the office of Organization Training and Development at 798-3201 (SEMO) for more information and to register.

The April 21 Senior Citizens meeting was held in the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Plans are made to have "Project Kid Care" at the Pontoon Beach Village Hall and Police Station, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Photos and fingerprints will be taken of the children. Entertainment was by "The Happy Notes." Attendance prizes went to Janet Martin, Ray Wuebbles, Otto Kreher, Ed Edmiston and Betty McGinness. Prayer was given by Corinne Kreher. Snacks were served to Earl and Rose Edmiston, Helen McGinness, Janet Martin, Everett and Alice Hudson, Robbie Wilson, Edna Bennett, Art and Myrtle Thurston, Johnny and Nellie Porrett, Pat Wallis, Lorraine Parkinson, Ed and Glodean XanCocoy, Mary Mize, Otto and Corinne Kreher, Jim Hill, Harry Martin, Thelma Falls, Irene Karlechik, Marie Benson and Ray and



Members of the cast of "Look to the Lamb."



The Rev. Alan and Donna Redfern

Marge Wuebbles, and Mary Merz.

May 18, will be SEMC Unity Advantage Day at Busch Stadium. Members will park and board the bus at the Madison County Transit parking lot on 19th and Edison streets, leave at 11 a.m., and return by about

4:30 p.m. Cost of \$20 includes transportation and lodge reserved seating. Lunch may be purchased at the stadium. Deadline for ticket purchase is May 4. Call 798-3800 for more information on reservations and membership application. There is no cost to join and there are no yearly dues, but you must be 55 or older.

be William McLory, Rebecca Ellsworth, Kristian Lance, Kate Hollis, Janelle Hanks, Valerie Hanks, Jessica Hubler, Jennifer O'Beir, Sarah Moutrian, Karl Gibson, Autumn Dillon, Jodi Boone, Amanda Boone, Anthony Click, William Farmer, Robert Henderson, Josh Harper, Mandy Hendricks, Candis White, Michelle Gibson, Amber Morgan, Kera Spreiter, James Hancock, Joseph Weinberger, Jeremy Champion, Tiffany Click, Ricky Woodard, Stephen Asbeck, Todd Brady, William Kee, Shelly Pulaski, Joshua Burkett and Julie Wilkinson.

Tickets for the concert are \$1 each. Gail Mueller is the director. Guitarists are Shanna Keel and Rene Conrad.

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## Navy Mothers hold meeting

Granite City Navy Mothers #850 attended Post Commander's Luncheon held in Mendota on April 16. Attending the luncheon was Edna Miller, State Commander, and Nina George, State Post Commander and Junior Past State Commander. After the luncheon, Past Commanders meeting was held. Meeting was called to order by past commander club commander, Mary Korcosog. Those in attendance gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplin pro tem Nina George gave the opening prayer. Then all united giving the Navy Mothers Pledge. Roll call of officers all responded except second vice commander Irene Kohn of Mendota, who is in the hospital after falling and breaking a leg. Minutes of previous meeting was read and approved as read. Adjutant Neva Pettit of Mendota reported she did not have correspondence at this time.

Finance Officer Ruth Roth of Ottawa gave her report and the report was filed for audit. Korcosog asked Miller if she had anything she wished to say. Miller read a letter containing information pertaining to National Navy Mothers Convention to be held Aug. 1-5, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and about the theme for the Parade of States of "Helping Others." Korcosog asked George if she had further information about the state convention to be held at Lincoln Plaza Hotel on Springfield in September 1999. George reported that the date was confirmed and menus planned for the convention. Chaplin offered the closing prayer. They all united giving the Navy Mothers Pledge. Committee members Korcosog adjourned the meeting to meet again Sept 17, in Mendota. A silent auction was held after the meeting.

## HONORS

The Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville chapter of Phi Eta Sigma recently inducted 73 freshmen who earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during their first term. Sharon Hays, acting provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, urged students to continue their exemplary academics and to take full advantage of the opportunities offered at SIUE.

Students inducted into Phi Eta Sigma and their hometowns are listed here:  
Collinsville: Derrick Baier, Sarah Fryer, Joshua Luanthard, Columbie: Karle Cotton, Timothy Gross  
Edwardsville: Katherine Kinney, Jamie Schutz, Casey Wiegand, Glen Carbon: Stephen Fernando, Granite City: Susan Light, Shelia Scarborough  
Troy: Angela Lubber, Anna-Maria Omatsu, Kurt Schuette

## Library elects officers

A meeting of the Friends of the Library was held recently at the Branch Library. Officers elected for 1998-99 are: Jean Hileman, president; Mike Reinhardt, vice president; Linda Watson, second vice president; Pauline Schank, secretary; and Mickey Strack, treasurer.

Plans are being made for the annual Book Sale to be held at the Wilson Park Ice Rink from 6 to 9 p.m. on June 8, and 9 a.m. to noon on June 9. Admission is \$1 on Friday and free on Saturday. At 3 p.m. on Sunday, there

will be a dedication ceremony to honor Carol Niepert Franklin, member, past president and treasurer of the Friends. The Reading Room will be named for her, and a world globe will be placed at the downtown library in her memory. The public is invited. A membership drive will be held during National Library Week at both libraries. Greg McGee reviewed the book signing by Robert Old Butler, who is a Pulitzer Prize winner originally from Granite City.

## GCHS vocal department schedules spring concert

The Granite City High School Vocal Music Department will present its annual Spring Concert at 7 p.m. May 7 in the High School Auditorium.

The Spring Chorus, Advanced Mixed Chorus, Contando and Girls Glee Club will perform the medley from "The Sound of Music," "Me and My Shadow," "Light at the End of Tunnel," the medley from "Crazy for You,"

## •Frohardt

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Other activities include basket weaving and Native American storytelling. "They've also gone on an ecological hike, and they've learned about the local ecology and geology. That took about half a day," she said. "They've also done an activity called garbage can archeology, and they've learned about our culture from our artifacts from the things we've thrown away," Wagner said. "They've done quite a lot since they've been here."

Teacher Nancy Marti said things were going great, but

## •Artifacts

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35. As part of Illinois Archeology Awareness Week Sept. 20-26, the day features artifact identification, flint knapping demonstrations and collection care.  
Kampsville Old Settler's Days, Oct. 10-11, focuses on later activities of pioneers, including historic reenactments, craft displays, food and music.  
In addition to activity days, CAA offers a number of educational programs during the summer, including:  
• Archeological Field School for Adults: May 25-29, June 1-5, June 15-19.  
• Women in Archeology Internship Program: June 1-Aug. 7.  
• Ancient Technologies Field School - Ceramic Technology: June 8-12.  
• Ancient Technologies Field School - Flint Knapping: June 15-19, Oct. 12-16.  
• Archeological Illustration Workshop: June 14-16.  
• Five-Week High School Program: June 22-July 25, flexible.  
• University of New Mexico Field School: July 21-July 31.  
• Teacher Workshop Field School: Aug. 3-7, Aug. 10-14.  
• Experimental Archeology Field School: April through May and September through October.  
For information call 653-4316.

"It has been wonderful. I was leery at first, but these kids have listened, they have cooperated, they have been wonderful."

**Teresa Meador**  
Frohardt teacher

she was tired. "The kids had to pass 13 criteria to get to come, so they are the best behaved of our students, the ones we could trust," she said. "It's been a little different for Mrs. Metter and me, because we usually send them home at 3 p.m. We don't send these guys home. "But it's been a lot of fun." Except for Celine Dion. For the week they were at

Kampsville, the only television the kids watched was CNN at breakfast.

However, when traveling to and from meals, they were able to listen to a tape of Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On," from the "Titanic" soundtrack.

By the end of the week, both Marti and Meador said they were sick of the song.

## Medical Assistant Program

A Medical Assistant Program will be offered at BAC's Granite City Campus beginning August 1998.

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